

OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **FEBRUARY 2010**

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **385**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point is eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.ca) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now e-mails this newsletter to over **250** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca if you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

Wednesday
February 3 **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission
(SEAPARC) Monthly Meeting**
7:00 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Thursday
February 4 **CRD Regional Growth Strategy
Public Consultation Forum**
5:30 p.m. Doors open
6:00-7:00 p.m. Open House
7:00 p.m. **MetroQuest** presentation

What do you think makes a livable and sustainable region?
Let the Capital Regional District know! Participate at this interactive event designed to shape the future of the region. Using **MetroQuest's** innovative planning tool, you will have the chance to "vote" on options for managing regional issues such as transportation, housing, and future growth locations.

The 2003 Regional Growth Strategy is being updated to a Regional Sustainability Strategy. This forum is the start of that process. Come and be part of it!

Can't make the session?
MetroQuest is available online!

For more information and to register for the Forum, please visit the CRD Regional Planning website at www.crd.bc.ca/rgs

Saturday
February 6 **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike William Simmons Memorial Park and beyond**
9:30 a.m.

Meet at the park on Otter Point Rad (about opposite Young's Lake Road)

This is a 2 to 3 hour walk..

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:
www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Sunday
February 7 **Beach Clean up at Port Renfrew**
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Organized by the Vancouver Island Surfriders,
Vancouver Island Chapter.

Information:
www.surfrider.org/vancouverisland

Tuesday
February 9 **Detached Accessory (Secondary) Suites
Public Hearing**
7:00 p.m.
District of Sooke Council Chambers
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke BC

You can inspect a copy of the proposed Bylaw 3605 at the
Juan de Fuca Planning Office
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC or
on the CRD website at: www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/

See newsletter item 7 below for more information about this
proposed bylaw.

Tuesday
February 9 **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission**
Monthly Meeting
5:00 p.m.
JDF Electoral Area Services Office
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Note:
This is an
extra meeting
to make up for
the cancelled
January
meeting

Wednesday
February 10 **Establishing a Volunteer Bureau and Charitable
Foundation for the Sooke Region
meeting**
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
CASA, Townsend Road, Sooke

For more information, contact Marlene Barry:
Phone: 250-642-3390
email: barryfambarry@netscape.net

Wednesday
February 10

**Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission
Public Meeting**

7:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Purpose: to receive public comment and recommendations to the JDFEA Land Use Committee on:

- The removal of Steep Slope Development Permit Areas from the Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan (newsletter item 8).
- Amending Bylaw 189 by adopting proposed Bylaw 3667 (newsletter item 9).

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Tuesday
February 19

**JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)
Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.
District of Sooke Council Chambers
2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke BC

One agenda item is the proposed Terms of Reference for the Otter Point Official Community Plan review.

You can obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the CRD website at: www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm
Click on "Agenda" at the top of the page.

Thursday
February 18

**JDF Electoral Area Economic Development Commission
Monthly Meeting**

6:00 p.m.
Village Foods Meeting Room
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

Sunday
February 21

Concert at Ocean Wilderness Inn

7:00 p.m.
Admission: \$15

5:00 p.m. Potluck: join us if you wish.
Rooms available if you wish to make a night of it.

Tickets: Call 250-646-2116 or
email stay@oceanwildernessinn.com

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February 23 **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission**
Monthly Meeting
5:00 p.m.
JDF Electoral Area Services Office
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Wednesday
February 24 **OPSRRA Board of Directors**
Monthly Meeting
Members welcome!
7:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
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Agenda available on request.
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Mondays **Karate for all ages**
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Tuesdays **Yoga**
6:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Thursdays **Shirley Quilters and Crafters**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

2. OPSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

OPPSRA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be in March, 2010.

Elections for all executive and director positions are held annually at the AGM. Nominations for any position can be sent to the Nominations Committee c/o Arnie Campbell, President, OPSRRA. A nominee must be a resident or property owner in either Shirley or Otter Point and a member of the association at the time of the election.

3. WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS ANNOUNCES PLAN TO SELL JORDAN RIVER, SHIRLEY AND OTTER POINT PROPERTIES

Western Forest Products issued the following press release on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Western Forest Products (TSX:WEF) announced today that it has listed over 5,700 acres of its private land in the Sooke and Jordan River areas for sale. Consisting of 61 individual lots, the sale of these properties will help Western pay down debt and invest in new equipment for its operations.

Our revised offering takes into consideration the concerns voiced by the community during the last two years," says Stephen Frasher, President and CEO of Western. "Our previous offering focused on a sale of the entire portfolio to a developer, whereas this offering is geared more towards smaller individual purchasers. We are not asking for or encouraging any changes to the existing zoning or Community Plan; we are simply offering these properties for sale.

Prominently located throughout the South Island, and including several kilometres of waterfront Frasher emphasized that "these are deeded private lands that have been owned by Western for decades and never were Crown or public lands, even when they were part of the TFL system".

Frasher says that Western's business focus is on manufacturing high quality lumber products for the international market but that the Company must invest in its mills and operations if it is to get through the prolonged lumber market slump in a position to achieve long-term success. Colliers International in Vancouver has been retained to handle the sale process on behalf of Western.

OPPSRA was asked by the media to comment on this announcement and our response remains the same as it has been over the past three years since the province allowed the release of WFP's private forest lands from provincial Tree Farm License (TFL) 25.

- In our opinion the province should have undertaken consultation with the communities affected by the release of the lands from TFL 25 in order to

assess and mitigate the impact of their decision. This was done under similar circumstances elsewhere in the province.

- Approximately 4,000 acres of WFP's private forest lands that are now on the real estate market are within the Official Community Plan (OCP) area of Shirley/Jordan River. This accounts for about 45% of the land mass covered by that OCP. Another 564 acres makes-up about 10% of Otter Point's OCP area. The remainder of the land is mostly within the Rural Resource Lands located to the east, west and north of Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River with about 500 acres located north of Jordan River and 561 acres in the vicinity of Sooke Pot Holes.
- At the time they were developed, the OCPs for Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point never anticipated that the private forest lands would ever be removed from TFL 25 and considered for other than forestry use. The CRD's review of these OCPs was to have begun in 2007 but never happened. The Otter Point OCP is now coming forward for review in 2010 and the Shirley/Jordan River OCP will hopefully be reviewed in 2011.
- Our present zoning bylaw (2040) is out-of-date and the drafting of a new one has been delayed for over three years. Currently much of the WFP land in Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point is not covered by Bylaw 2040 and is zoned Forestry which would allow one house on a 4 hectare (10 acre) fee simple lot or possibly 4 houses if the lot were allowed to be rezoned to Rural A and strata titled.
- CRD mapping of the area to identify sensitive ecosystems such as wetlands, streams and watersheds is incomplete.

4. OTTER POINT LOOKING TO FILL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR POSITION

The Otter Point Emergency Preparedness Coordinators submitted the following to the OPSRRA newsletter:

Due to the fact that Richard Muller and Shelley Mitchell, Otter Point's present Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, are leaving the community and moving into Victoria, the position will soon be vacant. The devastation and tragedy happening in Haiti as a result of the earthquake serves as a wake-up call for all of us. Otter Point cannot be left without an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

This is a volunteer position, part of the Juan de Fuca Emergency Program, whose responsibility it is to educate, prepare and provide emergency assistance in the event of a disaster within our community. One of the main points of emergency preparedness in remote communities is the importance of individuals and communities being prepared for self-sufficiency for at least 14 days. For this reason Otter Point has been divided into 34 mini communities, called 'pods', each consisting of approximately 24 homes.

For more information regarding this program and to see a map to find out which pod you belong to, go to: www.otterpointfire.bc.ca and pull down the Public Info tab and click on OP Emergency Planning Committee.

Anyone interested in filling this position please contact Richard Muller or Shelley Mitchell at: OPemerg.prep@shaw.ca or phone 250-642-2350.

5. POWER TO THE PARK

The Shirley Community Association submitted the following to the OPSRRA newsletter:

At the Shirley Community Association's meeting in January, community residents revelled in the newly lit parking lot, thanks to the timely completion of the Power to the Park project. Over the past several months, association members have spearheaded fundraising efforts to bring a security sensor light to the Hall's parking lot, power and lights to the Jim Snow Memorial Pavilion in the park, and (for next year!), Christmas lights in the Golden Beola tree. Our fundraising goal of \$3,000 was surpassed—many thanks to our generous donors!

The project got underway mid-December, on a very WET afternoon, as ground was broken with the help of Doug Bull from Bull's Tractor Service. Doug's machine made short work of digging the trench needed to bury the electrical conduit from the hall to the pavilion. The next day was *hard* work, as we trenched across the driveway leading to the Fire Hall—requiring the Fire Department to move their trucks out of the bays, and just a LOT of manpower to complete the burying of the electrical lines across the driveway. It was a long day of hard work!! Ian Blaney, of Blaney Agencies Ltd., and Les Monnington, of Bedrock Developments Ltd., donated fill materials and trucking, and Rob Seeman from AC Power Systems did an amazing job in completing the project and working with all the volunteers. Now that the project is more or less complete (some grass seed needs to go down in the park, and the Christmas lights will need to go up, in the fall), I am humbled and grateful that a community our size is able to come together, building community spirit, on a project like this. Indeed, a project like this simply does not happen without the support of a community. Many thanks to all who participated, be it through financial support, or through their time and energy on the work days.

6. OPSRRA PRESENTATION AT RURAL RESOURCE LANDS PUBLIC HEARING

The following presentation was made on behalf of OPSRRA at the January 26th public hearing for the proposed Rural Resource Lands Land Use Bylaw and Official Community Plan.

Although the Rural Resource Lands are not part of the communities of Shirley and Otter Point, we believe that what happens to them is important to the future of our two communities for the following reasons:

1. Otter Point and Shirley as well as the Rural Resource Lands are part of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and the Rural Resource Lands are the immediate neighbour of Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. In some locations they are right up against existing residential areas.
2. Because of its large size, the land use planning decisions made for the Rural Resource Lands will significantly influence future land development, economic development and environmental conservation on southern Vancouver Island. For example, there are already two important development proposals pending for the Rural Resource Lands. One is referred to as the Brown's Mountain development which is adjacent to Port Renfrew and the

other is the Ilkay/Marine Trails Holdings development west of China Beach and bordering the Provincial Juan de Fuca Marine Trail. There are also two run-of-river power project applications pending: one at Rosemond Creek, just west of China Beach Provincial Park, and the other at Uglow Creek, just above China Beach Provincial Park. A wind power Investigative Permit for San Juan Ridge is awaiting renewal.

3. OCP and zoning decisions about future development in the Rural Resource Lands will likely establish the planning approach and perhaps set a precedent for forthcoming land use planning in Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River. Reviews of OCPs for these areas begin in 2010.
4. Parts of the Rural Resource Lands might, at some future date, as a result of boundary adjustments, be amalgamated into Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. For example, the major portion of the Western Forest Product's private forest lands that the provincial government removed from Tree Farm License (TFL) 25 two years ago are in the Rural Resource Lands. A smaller portion is in the Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point OCP areas. There has been pressure from both WFP and TimberWest to have their private forest lands, on either side of the Settlement Containment Area boundaries, regarded as one unit for land use planning.
5. Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River, Port Renfrew and the Rural Resource Lands all use Highway 14. This highway, which is now being referred to as the Pacific Marine Circle Route through to Lake Cowichan, is being promoted for tourism in our communities and is the major ground transportation corridor for our communities. However, it is also the only highway access to and from the Rural Resource Lands and must therefore be shared with commercial traffic. Activities in the Rural Resource Lands, whether commercial, industrial or residential, will have an impact on the safety, congestion and condition of this highway.
6. In the past, the private forest lands in the Rural Resource Lands area have been a source of significant taxation revenue for the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. This has helped to offset our residential taxes. Changes to land use could impact our residential tax base. For example significant residential and recreational development in the Rural Resource Lands would lead to increased requirements for fire fighting, emergency search and rescue, policing, transportation infrastructure, bylaw enforcement and land use planning services. Such increased service costs are likely to be paid for by all Juan de Fuca ratepayers through increased property taxes.
7. The community has identified the creation of a park to protect Muir Creek as a priority. Most of the land that needs protection is located within the Rural Resource Lands.

In our opinion, the proposed bylaws should be supported. The process has been one of consultation, compromise and reflection. However our association proposes six suggestions for consideration before the bylaws come back for future review:

1. That environmental mapping of the area is completed to ensure that sensitive environmental areas and wildlife corridors are properly identified.
2. That the community watersheds are identified and plans are made to protect them.
3. That all three levels of government (CRD, federal and provincial) be engaged in determining which portions of the Rural Resource Lands could be included in their parks plans.
4. That all new building in the Rural Resource Area meets a mandatory green LEED building standard.

5. That land use planning for the Rural Resource Lands is integrated into the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy and the province's proposed carbon trading scheme.
6. That the next review of the Rural Resource Land OCP and Land Use Bylaw happens within the next 5 years.

Note: These proposed bylaws will likely be going to the CRD Board in February for third and final reading. The full CRD Board will be able to discuss the proposed bylaws but only the five members of Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee A are allowed to vote on the bylaws. This committee of the CRD Board is made-up of representatives to the CRD Board from the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, Metchosin, Langford, Colwood and Sooke. OPSRRA had previously requested that the JDFEA Regional Director invite the members of Land Use Committee A to attend the public hearing. The mayors of Sooke and Colwood as well as the JDFEA director and the alternate director for Metchosin were present.

7. UPDATE: DETACHED SECONDARY SUITES

The directors of OPSRRA have decided not to make a presentation at the forthcoming February 9, 2010 public hearing on detached accessory (secondary) suites. This decision is based upon our conclusion that there is general support in the community for allowing detached secondary suites, subject to certain provisions contained in the bylaw, and that no OPSRRA member has contacted the directors with any comment either in favour or opposed to the proposed amendment to Zoning Bylaw 2040. Our only concern with the proposed Bylaw 3605 is that the Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission (APC) unanimously recommended that the bylaw allow either a detached secondary suite or a B&B, but not both. This recommendation was initially supported in the CRD Planning Services report to the JDFEA Land Use Committee but was subsequently removed with no supporting explanation. OPSRRA's request to have the revised proposed bylaw returned to the Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River APCs for further community comment, because of this and other changes, was denied.

The public hearing for proposed Bylaw 3605 is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in the Sooke Council Chambers, 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke. A copy of the proposed bylaw can be inspected at the Juan de Fuca Planning Services Office located at 2-6868 West Coast Rd., Sooke or can be viewed on the CRD web site at: www.crd.bc.ca/jdf.

8. PROPOSAL TO REMOVE STEEP SLOPE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS FROM OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANS

The JDFEA Land Use Committee (LUC) agreed at its January 2010 meeting to consider a CRD Planning Services recommendation that Steep Slope Development Permit Areas be removed from the Official Community Plans (OCPs) for Shirley/Jordan River, Otter Point and East Sooke. The CRD Planning Services staff feels that applying for a Steep Slope Development Permit may be an unnecessary step as the applicant already has to address steep slope concerns when making a subdivision application to the Provincial Subdivision Approval Officer or to the CRD Building Inspector in the case where an application does not need subdivision approval.

LUC voted to refer the proposed removal of Steep Slope Development Permit areas to local agencies and authorities for comment. The Shirley/Jordan River and Otter Point Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs) will therefore be holding

community consultations in the coming month and will make a recommendation to LUC. The date for the Shirley/Jordan River meeting has been set for Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shirley Community hall. The date for the Otter Point APC meeting had not been set by the OPSRRA newsletter deadline. These meetings will be advertised at least a week ahead of time in the Sooke News Mirror.

The APCs will also be considering a staff recommendation regarding the removal of second growth trees from Sensitive Eco Systems areas. This provision, however, does not apply in our area as CRD mapping is incomplete west of Sooke. As a result these sensitive areas have not been identified and are therefore not included in the OCPs for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River.

Note: The CRD Planning Services staff report can be seen at: www.crd.bc.ca/reports/juandefucalandusecom_/2010_/01january_/index.htm . This link will take you to the Documents Library where you can open any of the staff reports to the January 19 LUC meeting.

9. EFFORTS TO LIMIT HOUSING DENSITY IN “THE SHORES” DEVELOPMENT AT JORDAN RIVER

When CRD Bylaw 3500 was found invalid by the B.C. Supreme Court of Appeal in June 2009 because of the voting structure used to approve this and various other bylaws used to amend existing zoning and land use bylaws, it left a gap in CRD Bylaw 189. For the most part, this bylaw limits the size of subdivisions in the Rural Resource Lands (RRL). Bylaw 189 was introduced a decade ago to limit subdivision to 120 hectares (300 acres) but did not regulate how many buildings could be placed upon the property. Bylaw 3500 was adopted in April 2008 to correct this matter. However, between the time that Bylaw 3500 was found invalid by the Court and until the proposed new Rural Resource Land Use Bylaw can be passed into law, there is no bylaw limiting how many dwellings can be placed on properties in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area that are covered by Bylaw 189.

As a further complication, some properties in the Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan (OCP) area are not covered by zoning Bylaw 2040 but rather by Bylaw 189. Two such properties are the Wildwood Terrace and the Shores at Jordan River, just west of Jordan River. In response to a proposal to move multiple dwellings onto a property at the Shores development, the CRD Planning Staff have proposed an interim amendment to Bylaw 189 that would limit density in certain areas of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. At its January 2010 meeting, the JDFA Land Use Committee (LUC) voted to refer the proposed bylaw to various agencies and authorities for comment. The Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission (APC) will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shirley Community Hall to hear comment from the community and to make a recommendation to LUC.

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10. REPORT: SOOKE REGION MUSEUM AGM

The Sooke Region Historical Society, operator of the Sooke Region Museum and Visitor Information Centre, held its Annual General Meeting on January 24. The Society operated on a balanced budget of \$447,138 in 2009 of which \$118,318 was received from a tax levied on all property owners in the District of Sooke and the western portion of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. The remainder of the

Society's income comes from memberships, earned income, endowments and grants.

Elected to the Society's Board of Directors for a two year term:

President:	Ray Vowles
Secretary:	Mike Thomas
Director:	Shirley Vowles
Director:	Joan Titus
Director:	Bob Stinson

Directors with one year remaining in their term:

Vice President:	Liz Johnson
Treasurer:	Lorna Barry
Director:	Lorne Christensen
Director:	Francois Gething
Director:	Pete Wilford
Director:	Al Beddowes

Appointments to Board of Directors:

T'Sou-ke Nation:	Rose Dumont
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area:	Anne Boquist
District of Sooke:	Dave Bennett

11. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The Sooke Region Historical Society erects and maintains a series of heritage shield signs through-out the Sooke region? These signs are patterned after those established by the Province of B.C. for the 1958 centennial of B.C. becoming a province. The Government of Canada, the Province of B.C., the District of Sooke, the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission and corporate and private donors provide funding for these signs.

The Sooke Region Historical Society has recently announced that about two dozen new signs will be erected throughout the Sooke region, including eight new ones in Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River. The new heritage signs for our area will be:

Henry Clark Farm	Otter Point Road near Otter Point Place.
Tugwell Gordon Farm	West Coast Road near Tugwell Creek.
Muir Creek	West Coast Road near Muir Creek.
Harris House	Otter Point Road at Kemp Lake Road.
Poirier Farm	West Coast Road at Kemp Lake Road.
Emerson School	Otter Point Road west of Kemp Lake Road.
Coal/Kirby Creek	West Coast Road south of the Shirley Community Hall.
Jordan River Hydro	West Coast Road at the east end of the bridge over River Jordan.

The Sooke Region Museum recently produced a guidebook identifying the location of all of the heritage signs in the Sooke region for the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission. This extremely informative guidebook is available from the museum.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. Contact us at d.acampbell@shaw.ca

12. FREE SMALL BUSINESS LISTING ON OPSRRA'S WEB SITE

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: www.opsrra.ca. We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site (www.opsrra.ca) under **Business Listings**.

Note: OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service

DanCyn Kioti Excavation

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite

Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care

Full Circle Seeds

Heron's Rest B & B

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kemp Lake Store

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn
Otter Point Beach House
Otter Point Electrical
Reflexology by Marlene Barry
Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop
Road's End Construction
Sandy's Drywall Ltd
Smiling Goat Farm Sitting Service
Stick in the Mud Coffee House
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm
Tugwell Creek Meadery
Wood Visions

13. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

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